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Cancel claims ~~29-31~~ and add new claims ~~30-33~~:

33 ~~30~~²⁶ A method as claimed in claim ~~25~~²⁶, further comprising (including) connecting plural parallel cross runners extending widthwise to the endmost frame member.

34 ~~31~~²⁶ A method as claimed in claim ~~25~~²⁶ wherein the lattice framework is formed of light gauge steel.

35 ~~32~~²⁶ A method of forming a building comprising forming a plurality of modules by the method of claim ~~25~~²⁶, further comprising the steps of stacking the modules one atop the other and side by side and interconnecting the modules by connecting the lattice framework of each module to the lattice framework of each adjacent module.

36 ~~33~~²⁶ A method as claimed in Claim ~~25~~²⁶, further comprising connecting a plurality of horizontal cross runners to the short sides.

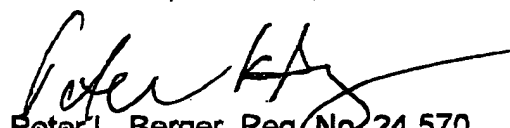
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted after an interview with Examiner Nguyen on March 5, 2003 and after consideration of a new reference, US Patent 5,735,639, brought to my attention by the Examiner.

An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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CLAIM MARKED UP TO SHOW ALL CHANGES

25. (Amended) A method of constructing a building unit module having opposing long sides, opposing short sides, a roof and a floor, the method comprising forming plural rectangular frame members, positioning the frame members vertically in an aligned row with a first predetermined spacing between each adjacent pair of frame members, connecting a plurality of [multiple] horizontal runners to the frame members with the horizontal runners parallel to each other, extending along the long sides, and with a second predetermined spacing between each adjacent pair of runners to form a lattice framework, securing horizontal angle members to the internal corners of the lattice framework, and securing sheeting to the lattice framework via the runners so as to form an enclosure.